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EPIDEMIOLOGIC NOTES AND REPORTS SHIGELLOSIS - Vermont

During July 1967, approximately 140 persons were affected with acute gastroenteritis at a summer camp in Vermont. The most prominent signs and symptoms of illness were diarrhea, nausea, headache, fever, malaise, stomach cramps, and dizziness. Less than 50 percent of those ill vomited. The illness was mild with a duration of 48 to 72 hours. One of the campers had bloody diarrhea. Only one patient required more intensive care than could be provided at the camp infirmary.

Approximately 450 persons made up the camp's resident population at the time of the outbreak: 325 campers

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from 6 to 16 years of age and 125 staff members. Epidemiologic investigation revealed that most cases occurred in two waves of illness, the first from July 4 to 8 and the second from July 13 to 18 (Figure 1, page 286). Attack rates for the entire camp were 6.4 and 20.0 percent in the first and second waves, respectively. Five of six persons

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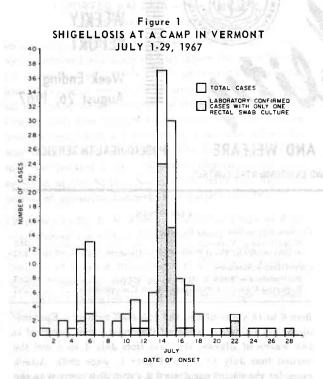
CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES (Cumulative totals include revised and delayed reports through previous weeks)

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DISEASE	AUGUST 26, 1967	AUGUST 27, 1966	MEDIAN 1962 - 1966	1967	1966	MEDIAN 1962 - 1966		
Aseptic meningitis	112	150	74	1,499	1,477	1,177		
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Malaria	41	12	3	1,273	230	59		
Measles (rubeola)	175	491	832	57,250	188,165	356.342		
Meninger and infections total	22	43	28	1,624	2,643	1,886		
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treptococcal sore throat & scarlet fever	4,603	3,797	3,797	314,825	298,120	276,674		
retanus	1,000	5	5	143	110	169		
Tularemia	Jilel and 5	5	5	118	114	186		
Typhoid fever	6	9	13	254	236	265		
Typhus, tick-borne (Rky. Mt. spotted fever)	14	13	11	213	181	166		
Rabies in animals	71	75	74	2,974	2,846	2,846		

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SHIGELLOSIS - Vermont (Continued from front page)



ill during the first wave who were examined bacteriologically for enteric pathogens were found to be shedding Shigella sonnei in their stools. In the second wave, one rectal swab was obtained from each patient reporting to the camp infirmary, and 45 percent were positive for S. sonnei.

Attack rates among campers by geographic residence in the camp were not significantly different in either wave. Comparisons of employee groups affected in the first wave by duties and geographic residence in the camp were inconclusive due to the low numbers involved. In the second wave, however, there appeared to be a greater risk of infection among employees working in the camp stables, as 8 of 21 (38 percent) were affected in contrast to 17 of the camp.

Sewage contamination of the major well at camp was implicated as the most probable source of infection. All disposal of body wastes at the camp is by water carriage to a series of septic tanks with drain fields. The camp is located on a hill underlain with rock sloping downhill just below the surface. Because of the underlying rock, all water drainage from the camp eventually reaches a gravel aquifer located in a level area at the lowest point in the camp. The well in question draws water from a 70foot depth, just above the underlying rock that continues to slope into the water-bearing strata. Several water fountains in the most active areas of camp, including the stable area, are fed by this well. Neither the water from this well nor that of the two other water systems at the camp was chlorinated at the time of the outbreak. On July 10, heavy contamination with coliforms was detected

in samples from the camp water system processed by the Vermont Department of Health.

On August 7, fluorescein dye was placed in three septic tanks uphill from the well; within 45 minutes dye was found in a small pool on the surface of the ground about 200 feet away and 40 feet below one of the septic tanks. Six days later water from the well contained the dye. Thus underground channeling could have led a stream of sewage from one or more of the septic tanks into water being drawn by the well. The first areas to receive water from the well are the stables; the higher attack rates observed in the stable employees may provide additional support that the illness was waterborne, at least in the second wave.

Food histories obtained from the resident camp population for July 11-14 indicated that a significantly greater number of ill persons consumed milk than did well persons at lunch and supper on July 11. The milk supplied to the camp was pasteurized. Inspection of the dairy did not reveal any significant sanitary deficiencies and there was no history of illness among dairy employees. No illness is known to have occurred at two other camps receiving the same milk. The camp received seven or eight 40-quart containers of milk daily. From these containers, milk was poured into 2-quart pitchers for serving. Some milk was usually left in the pitchers following a meal. It is possible that this milk could have been placed in less than full 40quart containers and served again at the following meal. It is known that the food handler who poured milk on July 11 had diarrhea on that day and was culturally positive for S. sonnei in an initial survey of the kitchen help on July 10. There is a possibility that he contaminated the milk, which could then have incubated at less than refrigerator temperatures during and just after mealtime.

During the second wave, emergency measures were instituted to provide appropriate medical attention and to prevent spread of illness to unaffected persons at the camp. A number of sanitary deficiencies in the kitchen, as well as in the general camp operation, were found during the investigation of the outbreak. Prompt correction of the major deficiencies, particularly the provision of safe drinking water, was made as soon as the second wave of illness was evident. No new cases of shigellosis have occurred since July 28.

(Reported by Dr. Robert Aiken, State Health Commissioner, Dr. Linus Leavens, State Epidemiologist, and other personnel from the Vermont Department of Health; and a team from NCDC.)

Editorial Note:

The epidemiologic features of this epidemic of shigellosis, occurring in two waves, strongly suggest repeated exposure to the same common vehicle. Intermittent contamination of the unchlorinated water supply seems to be the most likely source for these two waves of illness, although potentially contaminated milk cannot be conclusively excluded.

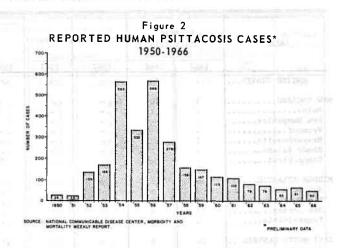
SURVEILLANCE SUMMARY PSITTACOSIS - 1966

A total of 50 human cases of psittacosis were reported from 19 states in 1966, 11 cases fewer than in 1965. This is the lowest total reported since 1951 when 25 were recorded (Figure 2).

Parakeets and pigeons, the two most common reservoir hosts since 1962, accounted for 73 percent of the 45 cases for which exposure data were furnished. Parakeets were listed as the most probable source of infection for 24 cases (53 percent), and pigeons for 9 (20 percent). Petbird owners, with 21 of the 45 reported cases (47 percent), comprised the largest exposure category. The only case reported which could be considered as occurring in a poultry processor was in a 9-year-old child who helped his mother gather chicken eggs for subsequent sale. Two common-source outbreaks which implicated pet parakeets were reported; one involved a man and wife and the other, a mother and three children.

Of the 45 human cases studied, 29 (64 percent) occurred in males. The ages ranged from 3 to 82 years, with a mean of 43 and a median of 46.

The geographic distribution of the 50 cases was similar to that of the 61 cases reported in 1965. Sixteen of the 19 states reported human cases in both 1965 and 1966; 6 states that reported in 1965 did not record any cases in 1966. The following states notified three or more human



cases in 1966: Texas-10, Wisconsin-8, Massachusetts-4, Pennsylvania-5, California-3, Minnesota-3, and Tennessee-8.

Five cases were reported in which there were no known avian contacts within the month prior to onset. No turkey, chicken, or other avian ornithosis outbreaks were notified in 1966.

(Reported by the Veterinary Public Health Section, Epidemiology Program, NCDC.)

REPORTED CASES OF POST-INFECTIOUS ENCEPHALITIS SECOND QUARTER ENDING JULY 1, 1967 (WEEKS 14-26)

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Week No. 34 DEATHS IN 122 UNITED STATES CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 26, 1967

(By place of occurrence and week of filing certificate. Excludes fetal deaths)

	All Ca	uses	Pneumonia	Under		A11 C	auses	Pneumonia		
Area	A11 Ages	65 years and over	and Influenza All Ages	1 year All Causes	Area	All Ages	65 years and over	and Influenza All Ages	l year All Causes	
NEW ENGLAND:	718	454	30	32	SOUTH ATLANTIC:	1,063	520	42	80	
Boston, Mass	213	124	8	10	Atlanta, Ga	117	59	4	12	
Bridgeport, Conn	38	25	1	3	Baltimore, Md	231	106	5	10	
Cambridge, Mass	26	17	7	1	Charlotte, N. C	49	21	1	4	
Fall River, Mass	41	26	military use	2	Jacksonville, Fla	50	22	2	5	
Hartford, Conn	52	24	2	4	Miami, Fla	91	44	-	6	
Lowell, Mass	24	12	1	3	Norfolk, Va	50	19	6	5	
Lynn, Mass New Bedford, Mass	18 24	14	1	1	Richmond, Va	76	29	1	11	
New Haven, Conn	52	33	1	2	Savannah, Ga	18	10	1	1	
Providence, R. I	70	45	9	4	Tampa, Fla	78	65	9	2	
Somerville, Mass.*	13	10	í	- 2	Washington, D. C	80 184	49 82	9	5 17	
Springfield, Mass	52	35	3	1	Wilmington, Del	39	14	THE PART OF	2	
Waterbury, Conn	44	34	-	-		3,	14			
Worcester, Mass	51	37	3	1	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:	629	338	40	31	
IDDLE ATLANTIC:	3,181	1,876	132	138	Birmingham, Ala Chattanooga, Tenn	96 47	45 20	8	7 5	
Albany, N. Y	50	28	2	5	Knoxville, Tenn	51	34	8	3	
Allentown, Pa	34	21	1	3	Louisville, Ky	120	68	13	5	
Buffalo, N. Y	119	66	4	13	Memphis, Tenn	145	77	4	-	
Camden, N. J	42	29	5	3	Mobile, Ala	49	18		4	
Elizabeth, N. J	26	17	1	2	Montgomery, Ala	29	19	3	3	
Erie, Pa	36	22	3	-	Nashville, Tenn	92	57	3	4	
Jersey City, N. J	73	50	2	7			1 1 1 1	1,000		
Newark, N. J	84	45	7	7	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:	970	500	26	66	
New York City, N. Y	1,643	947	66	61	Austin, Tex.	38	18	6	4	
Paterson, N. J	35	21	2	2	Baton Rouge, La	48	24	1	3	
Philadelphia, Pa	476 180	280 107	8	18	Corpus Christi, Tex	28	12	L PATERSIN'	3	
Pittsburgh, Pa	43	32	3	2	Dallas, Tex	132	60		7	
Reading, Pa Rochester, N. Y	113	62	16	4	El Paso, Tex Fort Worth, Tex	49 67	26 41	2 2	6	
Schenectady, N. Y.*	26	16	1	1	Houston, Tex.	176	89	1	11	
Scranton, Pa	37	26	3	rd (ad)	Little Rock, Ark	48	24	2	3	
Syracuse, N. Y	59	37	1	2	New Orleans, La	128	69	3	8	
Trenton, N. J	53	32	1	4	Oklahoma City, Okla	74	32	THE PARTY	3	
Utica, N. Y	24	17		11-	San Antonio, Tex	90	54	4	10	
Yonkers, N. Y	28	21	3	1	Shreveport, La	53	24	4	2	
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AST NORTH CENTRAL:	2,467	1,355	70	127	MOUNTA TO THE STREET OF THE	415	220	10	- 00	
Akron, Ohio	55 46	32	-	4	MOUNTAIN:	415	229	13	23	
Canton, Ohio	46 677	28 351	20	41	Albuquerque, N. Mex	36	20	2	1	
Chicago, Ill	168	98	3	5	Colorado Springs, Colo. Denver, Colo	15 102	11 59	2 2	-	
Cleveland, Ohio	197	101	4	12	Ogden, Utah	20	16	2	9	
Columbus, Ohio	125	74	6	9	Phoenix, Ariz	109	59	3	7	
Dayten, Ohio	90	53	-60	6	Pueblo, Colo	24	12	2	dour	
Detroit, Mich	354	187	13	11	Salt Lake City, Utah	50	29		2	
Evansville, Ind	34	22	1	2	Tucson, Ariz	59	23		3	
Flint, Mich	51	20	-	4						
Fort Wayne, Ind	44	20	2	4	PACIFIC:	1,479	844	27	80	
Gary, Ind	44	23	3	3	Berkeley, Calif	15	8	-	1	
Grand Rapids, Mich	38	26	1	2	Fresno, Calif	42	20	1	5	
Indianapolis, Ind	133	82	3	8	Glendale, Calif	43	29	-		
Madison, Wis	37	21	_	4	Honolulu, Hawaii	44	22	2	2	
Milwaukee, Wis	109	64	2	5	Long Beach, Calif.	71	46	2	-	
Peoria, Ill	22	11	2	2	Los Angeles, Calif	470	273	7	31	
Rockford, Ill	35 43	23 26	3	1 2	Oakland, Calif Pasadena, Calif	87	53	-	4	
South Bend, Ind Toledo, Ohio	114	61	1	1	Portland, Oreg	135	18		2	
Youngstown, Ohio	51	32	2	-	Sacramento, Calif	135 55	71 25	1 2	7	
3		J.	-		San Diego, Calif	80	43		7	
VEST NORTH CENTRAL:	764	475	20	41	San Francisco, Calif	153	84	4	5	
Des Moines, Iowa	53	40	2		San Jose, Calif	30	17	2	4	
Duluth, Minn	28	17	-	2	Seattle, Wash	135	71	6	5	
Kansas City, Kans	29	18	3	3	Spokane, Wash	58	41	-	2	
Kansas City, Mo	136	99	2	3	Tacoma, Wash	34	23	-	4	
Lincoln, Nebr	22	16	*				-			
Minneapolis, Minn	107	67	2	8	Total	11,686	6,591	400	618	
Omaha, Nebr	56	23	1	1		11.				
St. Louis, Mo	225	134	4	18		nulative 1				
St. Paul, Minn	55	32	1	4	including report	ed correct	tions for p	revious we	eks	
Wichita, Kans	53	29	5	2	All Causes, All Ages All Causes, Age 65 and	over		240,		

EPIDEMIOLOGIC NOTES AND REPORTS STAPHYLOCOCCAL FOOD POISONING — Georgia

Separate outbreaks of staphylococcal food poisoning occurred almost simultaneously on Monday, July 17, 1967, among persons attending private gatherings in two different areas of metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia. Approximately 2 to 5 hours following the consumption of German chocolate cake, 11 persons at each of the gatherings experienced sudden onset of nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

The cakes had been baked by an Atlanta bakery. According to the information available, 113 German chocolate cakes were distributed to several outlets on the morning of the outbreaks. The layers had been baked 2 days before on July 15. Icing was made Monday morning just prior to distribution. Freshly prepared icing was used with the exception of four or five cakes which were covered with icing left over from July 15.

The icing recipe called for sugar, margarine, butter, frozen whole eggs, condensed milk, canned coconut, pecans, and water. Ingredients were boiled 15 minutes in preparation. The bakery's standard practice for leftover icing is to reboil it for 10 minutes. Both procedures would have killed staphylococci. Since more than 160,000,000 coagulase positive staphylococci per gram were recovered from the incriminated cakes, it is questionable as to whether the leftover icing was reboiled on this occasion.

Staphylococci isolated from the cakes reacted with phages 6/53/83A and produced enterotoxin A. Efforts are in progress to extract and test for enterotoxin in the cakes.

Prior to the outbreak, German chocolate cakes were refrigerated at outlets but not at the bakery. They are now being refrigerated at the bakery also, and the practice of using leftover icing has been discontinued.

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